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1. Cease-fire talks

- a. One third of the Communist delegates to the peace talks are not military but party men. Their mission is to protract talks as long as possible, and their instructions will be from Soviet liaison officers daily.
- b. In early July there was no party organization in the P'yonggang-Ich'on area. The combat troops and civil officials know nothing of the Kaesong peace talks.

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2. Soviet advisers

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- a. The Soviets have controlled communications in North Korea and China proper. Fifty to sixty Soviets, called advisers, were assigned to each division for that purpose. there will be an advisory group comprising men, which will include mechanized and artillery troops, an unknown number of Soviet medium bombers to be assigned to the Manchurian bases, and a number of jet planes which will be doubled for the North Korean bases.

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- b. The Soviet military advisers presently assigned to the North Korean divisions and regiments will be doubled in number [] 50X1-HUM
[] with more to be assigned to battalion and company level [] Communications of Chinese Communist 50X1-HUM
and North Korean units were taken over by the Soviets [] and 700 Soviets arrived at P'yongyang via Antung [] 50X1-HUM
[] for that purpose [] 50X1-HUM
3. Approximately 600 North Korean officers who were selected from various North Korean units were sent to a staff school at Manchuria [] for three months' training with Chinese Communist officers. This school was established [] to train Chinese Communist and North Korean officers. The instructors are all Soviets. The officers returned from North Korea [] and expected assignments [] to all North Korean units. 50X1-HUM
A change in North Korean operations is expected within one month. 50X1-HUM
An increase of guerrilla activity by the North Koreans farther south is planned.
4. [] the people of P'yonggang (127-18, 38-25) area ordered a move to Ich'on (126-53, 38-30) area and Chinese Communist and North Korean troops began building strong military positions in the P'yonggang area immediately. [] the above troops (approximately 50,000) moved north from the P'yonggang area and were replaced by new Chinese Communist and North Korean troops approximately 30,000. The latter troops moved from Antung [] after training and reorganization by the Chinese Communists in Manchuria. Sixty percent of these troops had been conscripted from the local population during the North Korean occupation of the Republic of Korea. This 30,000 group was well armed and had high morale. All these troops had new uniforms and the officers wore canvas shoes. The 50,000 group had badly worn uniforms and 60 percent were unable walk. Forty percent of the 50,000 group was suffering from an unknown epidemic disease; their morale was low but they were willing to die instead of going home. 50X1-HUM
5. [] in P'yonggang, Ich'on, and east coast areas, where one fifth of the villagers have remained, many are suffering from an epidemic disease which is fatal after a fever of one month. The North Korean authorities are unable to halt the disease and are making little attempt to do so. 50X1-HUM
6. [] a big military buildup is expected in the far north of Korea from the Chinese Communists in Manchuria. 50X1-HUM

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